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New Orleans District

Project Fact Sheet

Official Project Name

CAP - Deepening of the Short Cut Canal - Houma, Louisiana, Terrebonne Parish

Location

Houma, Louisiana, Terrebonne, Parish

Purpose

The existing Short Cut Canal's water depth of -8.00-feet MLG is too shallow to facilitate the navigation of offshore oil service company deep draft barges and work boat vessels. These marine are currently being either light-loaded or rerouted through other surrounding waterways. This is causing additional costs for the offshore oil service companies and industrial businesses along the Short Cut Canal. Also, the Terrebonne Port Commission has future plans to develop offshore oil service company businesses along their directly adjacent Slip Channel.

The dredging of the Short Cut Canal will help facilitate navigation of the existing offshore oil company businesses as well as future deep draft barge/marine vessel navigation for future developed offshore oil service businesses.

Background

The Short Cut Canal was initially excavated to a water depth -14.00-feet MLG in 1972 by the Walter Land Company.

Authority

Continuing Authorities Program, Section 107, 1960 RHA (P.L. 86-645) as amended.

Scope

The proposed project will consist of the dredging of 96,000 cubic yards of material from the existing Short Cut Canal waterway and the placement of the dredged material in an adjacent designated Disposal Area. The current water depth will be lowered from the existing average depth of -8.00-feet MLG to -15.00-feet MLG plus a 2.00-feet allowable overdepth. This action will facilitate deep draft marine vessel navigation.

Progress to Date

This proposed project is in the Study Phase with the Final Drafts of the Environmental Assessment (E/A) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) documents being prepared for the Colonel's signature. Afterwards, the Detailed Project Report will be totally complied and routed for an In-House Technical Review. The Study Package will then be sent to Division in Vicksburg, Mississippi for approval.

Partners/Sponsors

Terrebonne Port Commission will be the Corps of Engineers' partner when this Study is approved for construction. The Terrebonne Port Commission will participate in 20% of the Total Project Cost. (www.tpcg.org)